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HIRSHFELD ATTACKS ASSOCIATE OF LUSK

Administration Objects to Use of Socialist as an Investigator.

GIFT TO HYLAN HINTED

Meyer Suggests Enright Also May Have Received Present of Great Value.

ANSWERS BLOCK'S LETTER

Defends Work of Lane as Expert—Politics Not a Consideration.

Tammany and the Hyman administration continued yesterday their combined offensive against the Meyer committee, now investigating city affairs, by denouncing the employment of Winthrop D. Lane, radical Socialist, as investigator to serve with Senator Clayton R. Lusk, the arch enemy of all radicals.

While David Hirschfeld, Commissioner of Accounts, was opening this new attack, Maurice Block, Tammany Assemblyman, demanded that Senator Lusk back up his assertion that many members of the Legislature have received gifts as valuable as the \$1,131 chest of silver presented to Mrs. Lusk by New York detectives after the majority leader had piloted the detectives' bill through the Legislature. Block insisted that Lusk must make good his charge or get out of the committee.

Hints Gift to Hyman.

Senator Meyer intimated he had information that Mayor Hyman and Police Commissioner Enright had received gifts of "great value" from political dependents. Answering a letter from Assemblyman Block, insisting that the committee give all legislators and city officials an opportunity to say whether they had ever received valuable presents, Senator Meyer wrote:

"The Commissioner of Accounts has full power to investigate the members of the city administration and perhaps you and I could give him some valuable suggestions. To begin with, why not have Commissioner Hirschfeld examine the Mayor and the Commissioner of Police as to gifts of great value received by them? It is possible that such gifts were given by men dependent upon the Mayor and Police Commissioner for public favors and appointments."

Senator Meyer refused to state what "suggestions" he could make on this subject.

Hirschfeld complained that the Hyman administration objected to being investigated by a man who had been associated with radical organizations which had opposed this country taking part in the war. His reference was to Lane, formerly editor of the Survey, and recently an editorial writer on the Evening Post.

A circular issued by the "Free Political Prisoners Committee of the People's Union," bearing Lane's name as one of the committee and calling for a Christmas Day demonstration in 1919 against continued imprisonment of political war prisoners, was made public. The proposal was for a Fifth Avenue parade and some of the Socialists, others whose names appeared in the list were Max Eastman, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Ida Raugh and other radicals of the extreme type.

Release of Political Prisoners.

Another exhibit given out by the Commissioner of Accounts was a copy of an advertisement published in a New York newspaper appealing to the American people to work for the release of political prisoners such as Debs, Kollmer and Lane. Hirschfeld charged in his complaint to the committee that Lane had taken active part in the long campaign waged by radicals against America, having any part in the war.

Senator Meyer said:

"Mr. Lane's work has been very satisfactory. He came recommended highly as an expert best qualified in this country to make surveys along certain lines. He is obtaining facts and his political views do not enter into consideration. There is no reason why he should be dismissed. I am informed he did nothing to oppose the nation's course after entering the war."

Lane said he was a contributing editor to the Socialist Review and had met with the Free Political Prisoners Committee and had signed the advertisement mentioned.

Assemblyman Block, writing to Senator Meyer, suggested that all members of the Legislature be given an opportunity to appear and tell of gifts they had received for furthering legislation. Lusk's statement that it is common practice for Senators and Assemblymen to get big presents from friends who help impetus the character of every member, Block said, and for such charge to be unanswered is to destroy public confidence in all lawmakers and "to create a premise of moral turpitude upon the application of shady characters for legislative membership and bar honest men from seeking election to a body bearing that stigma."

"Merits Public Rebuke"

Expressing great indignation that such a "sur" should be cast upon the Legislature, Block said his associates were smarting under the charge and demanded a chance to disprove it. The letter continued:

"I ask that Mr. Lusk be brought before your committee forthwith to give the names both of the legislators and of the Hyman administration who have followed his example of permitting reward for public service to take the shape of expensive presents."

"In Senator Lusk's mind there may be no impropriety in accepting a gift totaling over two-thirds of his annual salary as a State legislator, but to the man in the street, the public and his less capable fellow legislators, such action is a disgrace. The only other instance I recall in seven years of legislative experience where a member has accepted a gift of such character was the \$1,000 accepted by Senator Aldie and which resulted in his resignation."

"It is your duty as chairman of the joint legislative committee representing the Senate and Assembly to give opportunity for all legislators as well as city officials impugned by Senator Lusk to answer the scurrilous charge he had flung against them. If you do not see fit to take such action I shall ask the Commissioner of Accounts of New York to issue an invitation to all legislators to answer the charge."

WIFE FINDS GOLF A MANIA; ASKS DIVORCE FOR NEGLECT

Sterling P. Hayward of Montclair, N. J., Replies That Wife's Family Intruded and Insists He's Too Poor to Pay Alimony.

Golf is the thing that upset the marital happiness of Mrs. Rachel R. Hayward of Montclair, N. J., according to affidavits filed yesterday before Vice-Chancellor Fielder in Newark, when she applied for temporary alimony pending the trial of her suit for divorce from Sterling P. Hayward, vice-president and general manager of the Connelly Iron Works and Governor Company of 277 Fulton street. She says the game became a mania with him and that he thought so much about drives and puts and golf in general that he alienates his home approach terribly and virtually put her out of his life.

Mrs. Hayward sets forth in her affidavits that her husband went to England last April to attend the golf matches there, and that during the six weeks he was gone he allowed her only \$15 a week for her support and that of her two children. She also says that he spends most of his time in the links of the Glen Ridge Country Club, goes to Pinhurst every winter for a week of golf and often goes to Atlantic City for the same purpose. Golf, she says, has become a mania with him, and she believes it to be the reason why he has often treated her cruelly, because she knows nothing about golf and doesn't care to learn.

In his reply Hayward said that the trouble began when his wife learned that he was not a wealthy man. He also said that his wife's brother and sisters intruded on his home life and that he did not want them around. He denies his wife's allegations, including one that he occupied a separate room in his Montclair home and refused to sit at the table with her or eat food that she had prepared. The papers show that he is a member of the Princeton Clubs of New York and Philadelphia and of the Glen Ridge Country Club. He says that it would not be possible for him to pay alimony because, owing to business depression, his drawing account with his corporation is only \$300 a month.

FUSIONISTS FAIL TO UNITE ON LOCKWOOD FOR MAYOR

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It was seen at once that would not do. It was passed by a viva voce vote.

Platform Must Wait.

"What about La Guardia?" some one asked.

"Let's forget about him," said a woman. "He has written us a sassy letter."

On a motion to adjourn, Mr. Taft smilingly acknowledging her remark, permitted a debate of nearly an hour as to the platform. Walter Arndt asked if it would not be possible to go ahead with the platform, if the selection of candidates was to be hung up until Tuesday. The Republicans took the attitude that they need not bother with the platform until the candidates were picked. Others insisted that the platform should precede the candidate.

There was a disagreement as to whether the platform should be framed to be used in the primary or for use in the regular campaign. It finally was agreed that Mr. Taft should name the platform committee after the candidate was selected, with instructions to get a platform ready by about September.

Mrs. Marie E. Moody resigned from the Price Coalition Committee yesterday, saying she desired to work for La Guardia in the primaries.

Democrat Favored for the Place.

Senator Calder went to Washington on a late afternoon train, but Mr. Kracke will take up the new development in the situation with the other leaders to-day. Charles D. Hillis, one of the three Manhattan Republican organization members of the steering committee, said after yesterday's meeting had adjourned:

"I think if the Republicans of Brooklyn can come here Tuesday and show us a platform, we will make it up."

"Does that involve a guarantee that Haskell will be asked?"

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Although it was declared to be a "hobble" on the steering committee, a resolution was passed after long debate at yesterday's meeting declaring it to be "the sense of the committee that a Democrat be named for one of the three city-wide offices." Four Democrats have been suggested as possibilities for President of the Board of Aldermen, and one seems sure that the candidate for Comptroller will be a Democrat. They are Nathan Hirsch, former chairman of Mayor Hyman's Committee on Rent Profiteering, who has broken with the Mayor; Cyrus L. Miller, former Borough President of the Bronx; Thomas W. Churchill, former member of the Board of Education, and S. S. Goldwater, who was Health Commissioner during part of Mayor Mitchell's administration.

Factional Candidate Feared.

Friends of Mayor Mitchell said last night Churchill would not do, as he had persuaded Mayor Mitchell to take up the Hyman campaign and during the Hyman campaign turned and used the system against the Mayor. The Coalition Committee favors Goldwater. But no serious consideration has been given to any of the names yet.

It was an hour after the stated time before the steering committee went into session yesterday. Mr. Kracke, Koenig and Hillis were making a final review of the situation, including a final determination that La Guardia was a fixture as a candidate for Mayor in the primaries. When they reached the Hotel Commodore they called into conference Walter T. Arndt, representing the Citizens Union; Mr. Price of the Coalition Committee; Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany and Robert D. Kohn. Mr. Koenig announced that Manhattan had agreed to support Lockwood because of the peculiar situation presenting itself in Brooklyn. Senator Calder said a canvass of the representatives of the Democratic conference had found them for Lockwood. Mr. Price declared he and the members of his committee were opposed to Lockwood and, if a vote were taken at once, would be compelled to vote against him.

"We have no factions in Brooklyn," said Senator Calder with a perfectly straight face.

Then Arndt said he had had a long talk on the telephone with Lockwood the night before, when the Senator had asserted his belief that Curran would make a much stronger man than he (Lockwood), which was the same thing Lockwood later told Calder and Kracke. "That only goes to show that Lockwood is in the same sport," was the reply of Calder to Arndt.

New Effort for Unity.

But it was decided nothing would be gained by going into the steering committee with division, so then and there an agreement was reached to adjourn until Tuesday. In the meantime the various representatives should go back to their respective groups for conference and instruction. The Bronx Republicans growled a little about Lockwood, but with undoubtedly in the end follow the lead of the other boroughs.

When the steering committee was called together by Henry W. Taft Mr. Price withdrew the name of Darwin R. James, Jr., saying he had been asked to do so by Mr. James, who had declared emphatically he had never been a candidate for the nomination and could under no circumstances accept.

"I do not think his name should be withdrawn," said Byron R. Newton, Democrat, of Queens. "If we are going to put three Republican politicians on our ticket we had better have his victory today. If you are going to do that you had better heed the plea of the public for a business man. I take no stock in this yarn about the necessities of the Brooklyn situation. Are we going to name a ticket to please the Republican Tammany Hall in Brooklyn?"

Then Henry Fletcher, Democrat representative of the Citizens Union, threw the meeting into a stew by his resolution for an Independent Democrat on the ticket. Both Senator Calder and Mr. Koenig agreed it was a good idea to give one place on the ticket to a Democrat but they thought it would be most unfortunate to hobble the committee by a special resolution. Some one moved to table the resolution but

TAMMANY ISSUES PRE-ELECTION CALL

Murphy Puts Through Resolution Praising Record of the Party.

Tammany took its first step in the coming campaign at a meeting of the executive committee in the Wigwag yesterday afternoon. Charles Francis Murphy had no trouble in getting enough votes to pass the following resolution, which he offered in person:

"The pre-election period which marks the opening of the campaign for city, borough and county offices is here. After four years of Democratic government in this city, the party will again go before the people, confident that its record of the past and its promises of the future will be upheld by an overwhelming vote of confidence when the campaign closes on election day."

"It is due the voters of this city and a duty we owe the officials through whose faithful and intelligent efforts the current chapter of splendid achievement in local government was rendered possible and certain to spread broadcast the record of performance under the auspices of the Democratic party and to declare upon a program for the future built upon the solid structure of the present; therefore be it

"Resolved, as part of our campaign, that a committee of five be appointed to represent this organization in conjunction with similar committees representing the party in the other four boroughs of the city—Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, and Richmond—to draught a platform or declaration of principles on behalf of the Democratic party for presentation to the voters of the city of New York."

The committee, which will hold its first meeting this afternoon, consists of Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Miss Annie Mathews, Edward J. McGoldrick, William Allen and Mrs. N. Taylor Phillips.

After the meeting, Mr. Murphy said that he had been in change in his opinion that Hyman should be renominated and can be reelected. "We've got one candidate," he said, when asked about the city ticket. As to the candidates for Comptroller and for President of the Board of Aldermen, he said there had been no consideration of them. "The convention will decide," said he, with a laugh harking back to old convention days.

Unofficially, however, it was learned that Comptroller Craig will be renominated, if he will consent to take it. There is no word yet as to whether the President La Guardia may be nominated by the Democrats for President of the Board of Aldermen. Murray Hubert, Dock Commissioner, is being considered for that berth.

The general committee will meet Monday night to issue the primary call, after which the "Board of Strategy" will hold daily sessions to complete the ticket. Then the executive committee will be called to ratify the work.

The Kings County Democratic Committee will meet on Monday also.

BROTHER FINDS SISTER HELD IN WHITE PLAINS

Misfortunes of Family Led Her to Seek Jail.

The mystery surrounding the identity of the young woman who has been detained by the White Plains police since Saturday, when she asked to be locked up, said she had no home and refused to tell her name, was cleared yesterday.

She proved to be Miss Mary Cotel, daughter of a once well-to-do business man of Salem, Mass. Her brother, Samuel Cotel, went to White Plains, satisfied the authorities that his sister has a home waiting for her in Salem and took her away with him.

Cotel told the police that his sister became estranged from the family upon the failure of a boarding house enterprise in which an attempt was being made to recoup the family fortunes. The father died three years ago, he said, and soon afterward it was found that many of his investments had failed.

The search for Miss Cotel began soon after she disappeared and eventually she was traced to this city. She had a position here but lost it a few weeks ago, the police said. They believe she was dependent and preferred to be kept prisoner on a charge of vagrancy rather than exist in poverty.

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Twenty Men Taken at Third Avenue and Twenty-third Street.

Raids begun by the narcotic squad Tuesday under the authority of the new anti-drug section of the Sanitary Code were continued yesterday and last night. Up to midnight sixty-six arrests had been made and, according to detectives, a large quantity of white powder, believed to be heroin and cocaine, was seized.

Of more than a dozen raids, the greatest number of prisoners was taken at Third Avenue and Twenty-third Street. Twenty men were taken to headquarters from there, many of them charged with selling drugs and others with possessing them. By 5 o'clock in the evening, cells in headquarters were jammed and detectives had begun to transfer prisoners to police stations near by.

Early in the afternoon three detectives—Cotton, O'Leary and Connan—went to Tenth Avenue and Forty-eighth Street and arrested John Pinto of 178 Eldridge Street on a charge of possessing narcotic. The owner of the crutch, the machine was the prisoner's five-year-old daughter Rosanna. She was turned over to her mother.

During the night, it was said, search of a crutch and a cork leg, the property of two of the prisoners locked up in headquarters, revealed hiding places for drugs and small quantities of white powder. The owner of the crutch, the detectives said, was Louis Emanuel of 229 Bowers. They said the cork leg was worn by a man whose name would be withheld for the present.

OVERVALUATION LAID TO TWO GAS COMPANIES

Working Agreement Also Charged by Fertig.

M. M. Fertig, Assistant Corporation Counsel, reported to the city before the Public Service Commission in opposition to the petition of the New York and Queens Gas Company for an increase in rates from \$1.25 to \$1.60 charged yesterday that valuation of the company's plant at \$2,000,000—the appraisal by the Bartlett-Hayward Company of Baltimore, accepted by the commission last week as evidence—was an overvaluation. He said that unless the company presented stronger proof than the appraisal of the Bartlett-Hayward Company he would ask that the case be dropped forthwith.

Mr. Fertig made his charge after he had obtained from Elton S. Miller, vice-president and general manager of the Bartlett-Hayward Company and who had testified regarding the value of the gas company's property, a statement showing a relationship between his company and the Consolidated Gas Company, of which the New York and Queens company is a subsidiary, highly profitable to the Baltimore concern.

Considerable time at the morning session was consumed in argument upon whether airplane pictures of the gas plant should be admitted as evidence. Chairman William A. Freestergast admitted them with the understanding that they were subject to correction. The opposition to the petition challenged their accuracy.

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